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Senate Aide Scouted Deals for Dodd

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The Senate Ethics Committee, in its probe into the tangled finances of Sen. Tom Dodd (D-Conn.) shouldn't stop with the campaign contributions he stuffed into his own pocket.

Even more important is the story of how Dodd has used his Senate influence to make a fast buck. We have already cited examples of how he intervened with the government to seek favors for people who slipped him cash, furnished him with automobiles and flew him around in private planes.

The key to his private deals is gray, grizzled Ed Sullivan, a Senate employee who seems to be in charge of the Senator's fund raising, both personal and political. Sullivan sends the Senator cryptic reports, scrawled on lined yellow paper.

Scarcely a month after Dodd had taken the oath as Senator, he received his first propositions from Sullivan.

"Frank is interested in an S.B.L. (Small Business Loan)," wrote Sullivan on Feb. 4, 1959. "He has not applied and intended to talk with us before making a move. He plans to give me a preview of the situation Monday, Feb. 9. According to the papers, you will be here Feb. 10. Maybe on the plane you could think this over:

"1. Fee for procurement work.

"2. Getting a share of stock, plus an arrangement that would bring a steady income. This is a good business and a lot can be done for him. He knows the business, appreciates the value of spending money in the right places and has never had enough capital to handle his growth.

"This, of course, are my ideas. I will only try to promote them after you tell me to. . . .

Money Can Be Made!

"Harold wanted help in getting a name scotch. They also are looking for a warehouse in Hartford. They have no attorney in this area. On this deal, I have these thoughts:

"Help get a scotch. Take a fee or become their local attorney (not you I know) on a retainer basis. Or rent them a warehouse. Or take a share of the operation in this branch with a steady income.

"Again these are my ideas. I hope you can agree and let me know when you are in. Money can and will be made."

In another letter, dated March 14, 1960, Sullivan wrote about another opportunity for the Senator: "This morning I spent an hour with Jack. We had a real good talk. I know there is nothing Jack wouldn't do for you, and also I know that he can steer things your way that would easily solve all your problems.

"I am to see him again

Thursday. We agreed that when you are around, we will get together, and Jack promises he will come up with something. . . .

"I am sure, Tom, this is the right move. Your Washington income must be added to, and you must agree on a plan that will do this.

"You spoke for an engineering outfit, some little attorney came to Jack for them. They got what you asked for. This is fine if you are in but no good otherwise.

"This is enough to let you know we covered all bases, and I hope you approve. I know such a thing can work if done right; it cannot work unless handled right. Only three of us know of this move."

Subsequently, the raspy-voiced Sullivan wrote again to Dodd: "The big question now is, what to do to continue some extra income. I bet you have ideas, I hope so, we must talk over on first chance.

"A long time back, we talked about an S. B. A. (Small Business Administration) finance concern, then dropped it. To me it seems this must have merit. A new license has just been issued in Stamford. In the country as of now there is 419 concerns."

Sullivan's letters indicate that his chief Senate duty was hustling money for Dodd. For this he was paid a full-time salary by the taxpayers.

Castro Counterplot

The publicity over New

Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of a "Kennedy assassination plot" has focussed attention in Washington on a reported CIA plan in 1963 to assassinate Cuba's Fidel Castro, which according to some sources, may have resulted in a counterplot by Castro to assassinate President Kennedy.

Sen. Russell Long (D-La.), has told us that Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused Kennedy assassin, trained with Castro revolutionaries in Minsk during his Soviet stay. This information, which Long swore is reliable, was never revealed by the Warren Commission.

Other highly placed sources have confirmed that an anti-Castro plot was cooked up within the CIA, but they differ on whether it actually was approved.

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